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USUN FOR GLENNAN ; JUSTICE FOR GENERAL CRIMES DIVISION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SOCI, PL

SUBJECT: POLISH DEMARCHE: FORGED LETTERS

1. POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE MARCH 14 TO CONVEY DEEP CONCERN OVER "FORGED LETTERS". LETTERS WERE ALL IN POLISH, MAILED IN NEW YORK CITY AREA TO INDIVIDUALS AND TO TRAVEL AGENCIES IN THAT AREA ON POLISH CONSULATE GENERAL STATIONERY OVER FORGED SIGNATURES OF CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICIALS. CONTENT OF LETTERS VARIED CONSIDERABLY, ACCORDING TO TRAMPCZYNSKI: SOME CLAIMED DEATH SENTENCE HAD BEEN PASSED ON RECIPIENT; SOME PURPORTED TO STRIP RECIPIENT OF POLISH CITIZENSHIP; SOME SAID RECIPIENT'S NAME HAD BEEN ADDED TO LIST OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF RIGHT TO ENTER POLAND;
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SOME TOLD TRAVEL AGENCIES TO CEASE THEIR INTERMEDIARY ROLE CONCERNING POLISH PASSPORT AND VISA ARRANGEMENTS OR POLISH AIRLINE LOT AND PEKAO TRADING CORPORATION WOULD REVOKE ALL THEIR AGENTS' LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS.

2. TRAMPCZYNSKI NOTED THE PROVOCATION WHICH THESE

SKILLFUL FORGERIES REPRESENTED AND ASKED FOR SAME PROTECTION FOR POLISH OFFICIALS IN US THAT POLAND EXTENDS TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS. HE THOUGHT INTENT OF LETTERS WAS TO DISCREDIT POLAND AND ITS MISSIONS ABROAD, TO BUILD UP

THREATENING ATMOSPHERE FOR POLISH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN UNITED STATES, AND TO DECREASE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN U.S. WANTING TO VISIT POLAND. TRAMPCZYNSKI ASKED ARMITAGE TO TAKE UP CASE WITH RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES OF USG. HE LEFT US XEROX COPIES AND TRANSLATIONS OF THREE LETTERS (TWO DATED MARCH 7, ONE UNDATED) AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE COPIES OF OTHER LETTERS SENT TO US AS SOON AS THEY WERE RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK. POLISH CONSULATE GENERAL HAD NO IDEA HOW MANY FORGED LETTERS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT OUT; TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID MANY RECIPIENTS HAD CALLED CONSULATE GENERAL, SOME RECOGNIZING MESSAGE WAS SPURIOUS, OTHERS EXPRESSING DISMAY.

3. ARMITAGE ASSURED TRAMPCZYNSKI HE SHARED POLISH AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN OVER THESE FORGED LETTERS, ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES OF LETTERS AS SOON AS POLISH EMBASSY HAD THEM, AND SAID APPROPRIATE U.S. INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES WOULD HANDLE CASE. TRAMPCZYNSKI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID EMBASSY/CONSULATE WOULD COOPERATE FULLY WITH THESE AGENCIES.

4. COPIES OF LETTERS WILL BE SENT TO JUSTICE-GENERAL CRIMES DIVISION: JAMES ROBINSON AND TO USUN-GLENNAN FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FBI NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE.
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